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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 MONTIQUE T. BIAS,

15 Defendant.

Case No. 2:18-cr-389-JAD-GWF

**STIPULATION TO CONTINUE  
INITIAL APPEARANCE ON A  
PETITION ALLEGING VIOLATIONS  
OF SUPERVISED RELEASE  
(First Request)**

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17 It is stipulated and agreed to, by and between United States Attorney Nicholas A.  
18 Trutanich and Assistant United States Attorney Brett Ruff, counsel for the United States of  
19 America, and Federal Public Defender Rene L. Valladares and Assistant Federal Public  
20 Defender Andrew Wong, counsel for Montique T. Bias, that the initial appearance currently  
21 scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 2:30 p.m., be vacated and continued to a date and  
22 time convenient to the Court, but no sooner than fourteen (14) days.

23 This Stipulation is entered into for the following reasons:

24 1. On March 16, 2020, a petition was filed alleging that defendant Montique T.  
25 Bias violated his supervised release conditions. ECF No. 103. This Court issued a summons  
26 ordering her to appear in court on April 1, 2020. ECF No. 104.

1           2.       In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Nevada’s resulting  
2 emergency declarations, widespread calls to take more aggressive social distancing measures,  
3 and this Court’s stated goal to “striv[e] to eliminate in-person court appearances,”<sup>1</sup> the parties  
4 request a continuance of Mr. Bias’s April 1, 2020 initial appearance.

5           3.       The defendant is not in custody and agrees with the need for the continuance.

6           4.       The parties agree to the continuance.

7           5.       Probation Officer Matthew Martinez agrees to the continuance.

8           This is the first request for a continuance of the initial appearance.

9           DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.

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11       RENE L. VALLADARES  
12       Federal Public Defender

NICHOLAS A. TRUTANICH  
United States Attorney

13       /s/ Andrew Wong  
14       By \_\_\_\_\_  
15       ANDREW WONG  
16       Assistant Federal Public Defender

/s/ Brett Ruff  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
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Assistant United States Attorney

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26       <sup>1</sup> See District of Nevada Temporary General Order 2020-04, available at  
<https://www.nvd.uscourts.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2020/03/Temporary-General-Order-2020-04-re-Covid19.pdf>.

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**ORDER**

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10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the initial appearance currently scheduled  
11 for Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., be vacated and continued to Wednesday, May 13,  
12 2020, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., in courtroom 4B.

13 DATED this 31st day of March, 2020.

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16 NANCY J. KOPPE  
17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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